

week that Mr. Arthur Houghton, Jr., will build an institute“ to help develop the economic, education and culture of the Eastern Shore.” I am told that several million dollars will be expended on a 750-acre site in Queen Annes County overlooking the Wye River, and that Clarence W. Miles will serve as President of the institute. This, too, is a symbol of progress—is concrete evidence that industrial and civic leaders are deeply concerned for the future of our young people on the Eastern Shore.

We are living with, and enjoying, the economic advantages which have been created by the construction of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge—the continuing growth of tourist facilities, motels, marinas, boat-yards, and so on—the new industries which have located on the shore because with the opening of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, for the first time there was access to raw material and an opportunity to transport their finished products economically to the major markets of the Atlantic coast and the Midwest. So, I say again that we can perhaps recognize the bridge-tunnel as a major event in the progress of the Eastern Shore, but we must consider it basically as a symbol of inevitable progress. Today, I hope you will explore with all of your resourcefulness and all of your ingenuity the many ways in which the impact of the bridge-tunnel will create new opportunities for the people of our three States.

I trust you will examine and appraise the tremendous potential for additional tourist income and give major consideration to the creation of a climate in which industry and commerce may thrive and prosper and the people may live in enjoyment and peace.

In conclusion, let me say this it is my considered judgment that any program of action you decide upon must be based upon support by the local communities and the civic leaders who direct the destinies of this peninsula. Only through sustained, cooperative action by the people themselves can a successful economic future for the Eastern Shore be assured. I have great hope and great faith that the sturdy virtues of Eastern Shoremen—their courage, their independents, their self-reliance—will see them through all the turbulences of our changing age and assure for them a future as glorious as has been their past.